

We Must Go Forward

Exodus 14:13-15 - NIV

¹³ Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ***(KJV - speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward)***

The children of Israel went to Egypt and resided there for 430 years. When they first came, there were only about 70 Israelites. That number grew to approximately two million people in the matter of time they spent there.

Exodus 1:11-14 - NIV

¹¹ So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³ and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴ They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

With all the adversity the Israelites had against them, it was very hard for them to move forward. I can't imagine the bondage and affliction they had to endure. Even living on the outskirts of Egypt would have been miserable, because the Pharaoh appointed taskmaster over the Israelites; they were all slaves!

That's a long period of slavery! Israel lived with that slave mentality for over 400 years. They forgot what liberty was like. They had no foreseeable future, but it was time for Israel to move on! They lived in bondage long enough!

Is there anyone here today that needs to be delivered from a slave mentality?

If I am a slave to anything, make me a slave to my Lord! I don't want to have a slave mentality!

I don't want to sin anymore! Why? Because I am a slave to Him!

I choose to be a Christian! I no longer have that slave mentality!

I choose this life of grace! No one is forcing me; I choose this life!

I serve Him because I love Him!

Somebody needs to leave behind their slave mentality!

Ephesians 4:1 – NIV - Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

In these texts, Paul, discussing God's grace and mercy, is telling them how God rescued him and made him a prisoner of Christ.

He calls himself a prisoner of God; a slave for the kingdom that must walk forward.

Israel forgot what liberty was like. It was hard for them to believe that God was there; to trust God.

John 8:31-32 – NIV - Dispute Over Whose Children Jesus' Opponents Are

³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Freedom is right in front of us all and we must go forward! Freedom that will save our families and all of our loved ones! A freedom that will give us the ability to move forward.

The truth shall set you free! We don't need the things of our old life; the things that hold us back! Allow the blood of Jesus to cleanse you from all unrighteousness and sin!

God wants to move His church forward! Like He did for Israel, He wants to give you His blessings, but He won't if you just sit around. We must go forward!

Hebrews 11:8-10 - NIV

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Abraham went forward and allowed God to be his builder!

Look at: **Hebrews 11:7 - NIV**

⁷ By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

Noah allowed God to make the blueprints and it saved his family.

God is telling someone to go forward! He is the master builder of your life!

Just like how God created the blueprints for the Ark, God has created a blueprint for each and every one of our lives for us to follow. He just wants us to move forward!

Philippians 3:14 -NIV

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

You would never trust a carpenter to build a house without blueprints! A good builder doesn't wing it; he begins with a clean and straightforward blueprint!

Ask yourself this question: Am I closer to God than I have ever been before?

If not, you need to move forward! God gave us a blueprint for our lives, called the bible! We must pray, study the word, fast, and practice Godly disciplines!

It's time to cover your past in the blood of spotless lamb! Let His blood wash over all your shortcomings!

Let the Lord turn your complacency into conviction!

Don't let the devil hold you back from God's blessings! Don't let anything in this world hold you back!

You must go forward; allow God to speak to you!

I believe God is trying to speak to us today. What's holding you back?

We must respond to the Lord's call! Go forward!

Matthew 28:19-20 - NIV

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

We Must Go Forward!

Today we will be Ordaining 5 new ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ

The Root meaning of the term Ordained minister:

In general as well as Biblical terms, the word "**ordain**" comes from the Greek word "**diatasso**" which means to "**APPOINT**".

In general as well as Biblical terms the word "**minister**" comes from the Greek word "**diakoneo**" which means **to be a servant** (*in the strictest terms it means to wait tables*).

When the two words are combined, "**ordained minister**" – we get the definition "***to appoint one to serve, or appoint a servant***".

Why is this important????

For Two Reasons –

1. Because Jesus said:

Matthew 23:11-12

¹¹ *The greatest among you will be your servant.* ¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

- Jesus our example – When Jesus washed the feet of the disciples!

2. Our ordained ministers are appointed by myself as founding Pastor of My Church to be servants to the congregation at MY CHURCH!

- **Some dispute over qualifications** – we want to only briefly address any concern.
- Some dispute whether or not **WOMEN** should be allowed to serve....
- Every **woman and man** who is **Ordained at My Church** –
- **MUST** live a life consistent with Christian ethics...
- There **MUST** be a call of service on their lives to serve this ministry and advance the Gospel...

Who would have any objections to men or women being “appointed” as Christian “servants”???

No reasonable Christian would!!!

Therefore, as the Pastor of My Church I will be appointing 5 new ordained minister’s as servants to humanity on behalf of God!!!

Current Ordained Ministers –

Corina Bowen – Bethanne Linden – Mark Beair

New Ordained Ministers –

Randy Green

Lisa Beair

Fred Shultz

Lorenzo Anderson

Cindy Miller

1 Timothy 3:1-16 – NIV - Qualifications for Overseers and Deacons

3 Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. ² Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. ⁷ He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

⁸ In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁹ They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰ They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

¹¹ In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.

¹² A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. ¹³ Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

Reasons for Paul's Instructions

¹⁴ Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, ¹⁵ if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. ¹⁶ Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great:

He appeared in the flesh,
was vindicated by the Spirit,
was seen by angels,
was preached among the nations,
was believed on in the world,
was taken up in glory.